Pacific Steam Navigation Company Perforated Initial Stamps – Survey Announced

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According to copies of correspondence between the Pacific Steam Navigation (PSN) Company and the Canal Zone (CZ) Postal Service provided by Hugh Cassibry (CZP 97:29), the PSN began perforating CZ stamps to better control their postal expenditures no earlier than very late August, or early September, 1939.

Lawson Entwistle conducted a survey of PSN perforated initial (perfin) stamps in 1984, the results

of which were published in CSP 73:27. Forty-one individuals participated in that survey.

In 1994, I conducted a survey of CZ airmail perfins. Twenty-five of the thirty-two individuals participating in that survey reported having PSN perfin airmail stamps.

A comparison of the two survey results is shown below.

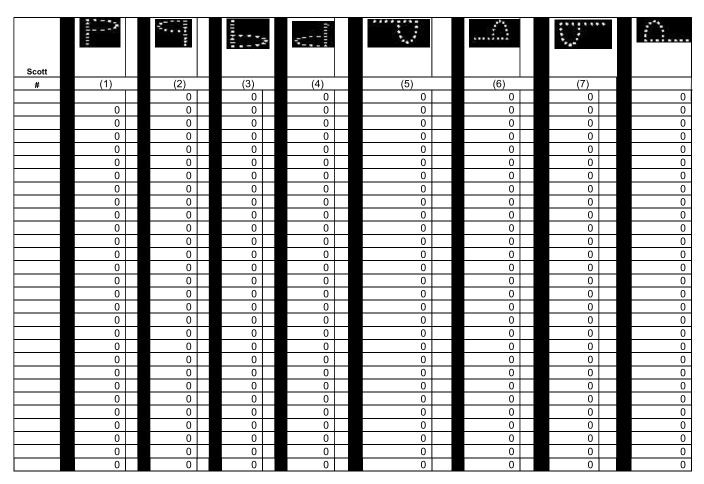
Series	Scott No.	Face Value		mber orted 1994 <i>Δ</i>	Comments
2nd (1st Definitive) "Gaillard Cut" Series Subtotal	C7 C8 C9 C10 C11 C12 C13 C14	5¢ 6¢ 10¢ 15¢ 20¢ 30¢ 40¢ \$1	25 7 24 23 13 11 1 3	36 11 20 13 33 9 25 2 23 10 11 0 2 1 4 1	Includes 1 newly reported unused copy Includes 1 cover with single C7 Includes 1 pair, 1 double strike
3rd (Commemorative) "1939 25th Canal Zone Anniversary"	C15 C16 C17 C18 C19 C20	5¢ 10¢ 15¢ 25¢ 30¢ \$1	0 4 10 0 0 1 15	1 1 2 -2 12 2 0 0 1 1 1 0	Still more to be reported! Previously reported unused example missing
4th (2nd Definitive) "Globe & Wing" Series Subtotal Grand Total	C22 C23 C24	6¢ 10¢ 21¢	15 1 3 19	16 1 1 0 3 0 20 1	- -

I believe it is now time to repeat the PSN survey and, this time, as was done in 1984, include all CZ stamps and any U. S. stamps that also received perfin PSN. As I did in the official perfin P airmail survey published in CZP 120:34-35, I would like to include the orientation of the perfin.

By email attachment (<u>pammons@tamu.edu</u>) or USPS mail (P.O. Box 1311, College Station, TX 77841), I would like to provide a form on which those willing to participate in this new survey can easily report. Scans or photocopies of covers and multiples would be appreciated.

Editor's notes: The above article is reprinted with permission from a recent issue of the Canal Zone Study Group Journal and introduces an ongoing survey of the Pacific Steamboat Navigation Co.'s "PSN" perfins in both Canal Zone and US stamps (CZ pattern A5; US pattern P225.5). On the next page is reproduced a slightly modified printed form to be used for submitting data. An electronic version of this form is available from p-ammons@neo.tamu.edu or from me (mistrettapaul@bellsouth.net).

The inventory is designed to reflect the number of single, postally used, copies off cover or piece UNLESS the orientation field contains an * and additional information is provided. An "*" along with a number anywhere in the survey sheet indicates that the number given includes other than single, postally used copies off cover / piece (that is items blocks of ? [note number in block], covers, etc.) Mr. Ammons has promised to share the results of this survey once they are compiled.



Just enter the Scott Catalog number in the left column and then your count by orientation (cross out the appropriate 0) of stamps/patterns in your collection. Canal Zone (A5) perfinned stamps, then US (P222.5) perfinned stamps – please note the break from CZ to US.